

PLEADS FOR BIG NAVY

Attorney General Bonaparte Sounds Cry of Warning.

AMERICA NO LONGER ISOLATED

Growth of Country More Likely to Create Enmity Among Nations. Wants Public and Congress to Uphold the President in Desire for Greater Preparedness for War.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—Attorney General Bonaparte, in a speech to-night at the Pelee School, declared that an assurance of peace of the United States almost wholly depended upon the nation's preparedness for war.

He took as a text Washington's Farewell Address. He pointed out that the United States is no longer isolated; that "profound changes in ourselves and all about us" have gravely affected the nation's entire surroundings, and that the annihilation of space and distance, for commercial and military purposes, has made the great cities of this country far nearer to the nations of Europe and Asia than they were to Florida or Canada in Washington's time.

"An American may be as good a patriot as our land can show," he said, "and yet shirk for our early days of safety through obscurity and isolation; but, if, like the ostrich, he refused to own what his eyes would show him, did he open them to facts, namely, that for us the days of obscurity and isolation are gone forever, and safety must now be sought elsewhere, he abdicates his reason and imperils his country."

Country No Longer in Isolation.

He declared that "our detached and distant situation" that Washington saw has ceased to be; that New York could be reached to-day by a powerful hostile army in one-fourth, and San Francisco in one-half, the time needed by any possible enemy, under the most favorable circumstances, to reach the most exposed capital of Europe."

He maintained that the great oceans were no longer a safeguard against serious invasion. "Our ports are filled up with huge steamers, practically all under foreign flags, which await but a word on the electric wire to become transports crowded to their utmost capacity with trained soldiers or loaded down with munitions of war."

Mr. Bonaparte pointed out another danger. "While we have drawn prodigiously nearer to possible and possibly dangerous enemies," he declared, "we have also grown prodigiously bigger and richer and more obtrusive, and therefore, vastly more likely to awaken envy, distrust, and fear; or, in other words, to have enemies."

In pointing out wherein the United States has become a world power, and Americans interested in the affairs of the globe, he said: "Despite ourselves, the thought, half formed and half conscientious, and yet daily growing clearly to us and to others, forces itself upon our minds that in the vast and terrible drama of human destiny a nation such as ours has grown to be must have its allotted, its enforced part to play."

Wants President's Hands Uplifted.

In conclusion Mr. Bonaparte called upon the people of the country and its national lawmakers to hold up the hands of the President in maintaining the war strength. "I ask of all thoughtful and patriotic citizens their aid to my successor in the great department of our Federal government but lately in my keeping," he said, "and to his colleague in the administration of the sister service, and most of all, to the Commander-in-Chief of our forces of land and sea, under the Constitution in assuring our country's peace by maintaining her strength for war."

"I ask for the Congress a hearty support from public opinion in a liberal provision for the national defense, and, moreover, a loud and clear assurance of such support to down the clamors of self-interest, of delusion, of prejudice, of parsimony in dealing with this great question; and, as with the world's approval, the noble title of 'peace-maker' has been bestowed on our first public servant, I ask that the nation be qualified for a like honor in the just judgment of mankind by giving her strength as may gain and guard for her the peace of righteousness."

CHRISTMAS BEHIND SCENES.

Theatrical Company Playing at Local House Plan a Unique Festival.

A Christmas celebration that promises to be a bit out of the ordinary will take place on the stage of the National Theater following the regular evening performance on Monday. It is to be an "actor's Christmas festival" in every sense of the word. Only professional people will participate.

The several companies to take part include "The Prince of India" organization. Mr. Kyrle Bellew and his company, several players from Chase's, and a number of others expected to pass through the city at that time. Mr. Thomas Jefferson, son of the late Joseph Jefferson, who is at present in Washington, will attend.

A general time of speech-making will occupy the early part of the evening, just following the close of the performance, this to be shared with the audience. There will be an old-fashioned Christmas feast, with real turkey and cranberry sauce. After a general time of toasting and stage stories, there is to be an old-time country dance.

FAVORS THE HOMESTEADER.

President Talks to Montana Delegation About Land Withdrawals.

Senator Carter, of Montana, introduced a delegation of citizens of his State to the President yesterday. Some of the delegation told President Roosevelt that there was a great deal of complaint against the wholesale withdrawal of lands by the government in the West, for it operated against the interests of the homesteaders.

"Well, you know," said the President, "I am for the homesteader every time as against the sheepmen."

Mr. Carter recalled that President Roosevelt used to be a cattle rancher in the Bad Lands.

"I see you haven't overcome your prejudice against the sheepmen," he said.

PRESIDENT ASKS RELIEF.

May Send Food to China on Government Transport.

The Cabinet yesterday discussed relief measures for the starving natives of interior China. As a result, the President will probably issue soon an appeal for contributions of corn, wheat, and other supplies through the National Red Cross Society.

It is likely that he will ask Congress, after the holidays, for permission to send the supplies on government transports.

DAILY FASHION HINT.



A Model by Agnes, Paris.

For present wear, without wraps, and for later service under the long cover coats, are many clever little dresses of silk or of a drier order than their predecessors, the shirt-waist suit. The pictured frock, made of dull green sedo silk, is modeled so that the bengaline-like quality of the material shows to excellent advantage. The band motifs are supplied by plaited satin ribbons edged with narrow black braid, this use of braid on silk being a distinct feature of the season.

HANDEL'S "THE MESSIAH."

First Concert of the Choral Society Last Night.

The first concert of the twenty-fourth season of concerts given by the Washington Choral Society drew a capacity audience to the Metropolitan Opera House last night. It was noteworthy, too, that it was the nineteenth performance of this society's most wonderful oratorio—his masterpiece, "The Messiah."

The soloists were selected from the leading singers of Washington, and the chorus, numbering 200, amply sustained their efforts. It was a musical treat of the highest class, inspiring, solemn, and devout, and particularly well suited to the present occasion.

All of the soloists of last night are entitled to hearty and earnest praise for the fine work they accomplished. The opening recitative by the tenor, Mr. R. Allen Terrell, set a high mark, but not too high for those who followed him.

Perhaps the greatest opportunities fell to Miss Francesca Kaspar, whose soprano is clear and flute-like, and which she has under marvelous control. Her wonderful singing of the announcement aria, "For I Bring You Tidings of Great Joy," was one of the things that linger pleasantly in the memory. Of the two bass singers, Mr. William Clabaugh and Mr. Arthur W. Porter, Mr. Clabaugh has, perhaps, the hardest part, but Mr. Porter's singing was rich, full and resonant, and his Why Do the Nations So Furiously Rage? was a fine bit of vocal invention. Miss Reine Harden-Hickey was prolonged applause for her soprano aria, "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them That Preach the Gospel," and the alto, "The Way Despoiled," was rendered with delicate feeling and poignant pathos by Miss Clara Drew.

But it was in the chorus work that the oratorio proved most moving, most effective. The large chorus showed the result of long and careful training; the voices were wonderfully clear and harmonious, and the attack was at all times sure and insistent. Directed by Mr. Sydney Lloyd Wright, the chorus responded to his every call, and nobly earned the generous applause it received.

MR. McREYNOLDS' SUCCESSOR.

Edwin T. Sanford, of Knoxville, Will Be Assistant Attorney General.

Edwin T. Sanford, of Knoxville, Tenn., has been appointed Assistant Attorney General, to succeed James C. McReynolds, whose resignation will take effect January 1. Mr. Sanford is a graduate of the University of Tennessee in the class of 1882. He then went to Harvard, where he was graduated in 1885. He studied at the Harvard law school, and was graduated in 1889. He then went abroad to continue his legal work. For several years past he has practiced law in Knoxville.

Mr. Sanford has taken a prominent part in Tennessee politics. He was twice vice president of the Tennessee Bar Association, and last year was its president. He is part owner of a Knoxville newspaper.

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DEATH CAUSE FOR REGRET

Enjoyed an Extensive Acquaintance Among Prominent Men—Friend of Blaine and Reed—Capt. Thomas Cooper Passes Away in Baltimore. Commanded a Washington Boat.

The arrangements for the funeral of Andrew Gleeson, who died at his home, at 1216 North Capitol street, yesterday morning, after an illness lasting several months, have been practically completed.

On Monday morning at 9 o'clock the solemn requiem mass will be read at St. Aloysius' Catholic Church.

The remains will then be taken to Mount Olivet Cemetery, where the burial will take place. The Rev. Edward X. Fink will probably conduct the services.

All the various organizations of which Mr. Gleeson was a member will be represented at the funeral as a tribute to the deceased. Although the matter of selecting individual pallbearers has not been finally decided upon, it was given out last night that members of the Elks Lodge will act.

Andrew Gleeson was of Irish parentage, being born in County Clare, Ireland, on November 23, 1834. He came to this country when only nineteen years old. Starting in as the employee of a local contractor well known in the ante-bellum days, he worked his way up, and was rapidly gaining recognition through the merit of this work when the civil war broke out.

He was among the first to respond to Lincoln's call for volunteers to defend the District, enlisting as a private and serving throughout the four years of the war. When peace was declared he returned once more to his work of a building contractor.

Among his many achievements were the extension of the Capitol, the building of the foundation upon which the Washington Monument now stands, and the building of the original National Museum.

Probably no private citizen of Washington had such an extensive acquaintance among the prominent men of the past generation as had Mr. Gleeson. He numbered among his personal friends such men as James G. Blaine and Thomas B. Reed.

Stood High in Community.

Not only had Mr. Gleeson ranked high in his own line of work, in the estimate of the highest men of his day, but he was well known throughout the fraternal and social world in this and other cities.

For sixteen years he represented the District of Columbia in the Republican convention; he was a member of the Elks, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the John A. Rawlins Post of the G. A. R.

During the past two years, Mr. Gleeson had been connected with the constructing of the new sewerage system throughout the city.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Resolutions were offered at a special meeting of the Jolly Fat Men's Club last evening, paying tribute to the late Andrew Gleeson, who was president of that organization. The resolutions in part follow:

"Whereas the District of Columbia, of which our departed brother was a resident for fifty-four years, has lost one of its most honored and valued citizens; his children have lost a tenderly loving father; his church one of its most worthy members, and charity has suffered in the removal of one of its noblest exponents; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That as a mark of the sorrow felt by the Jolly Fat Men's Club in one of the greatest bereavements that has ever befallen it, its members attend the funeral in a body; that the clubhouse be closed on the day of the funeral; and that suitable emblems of mourning be displayed."

CAPT. COOPER IS DEAD.

Former Washington Man Passes Away in Baltimore.

Capt. Thomas I. Cooper, of Baltimore, one of the best known steamboat men on Chesapeake Bay, and widely known along the river ports, is dead.

The end came yesterday morning at his home in Baltimore. He had been ill only one week, and his death came as a shock to his many friends in this city and his home city.

During the civil war he used the steamer Nellie White to run the blockade, which enabled him to witness the battle at Hampton Roads between the Monitor and the Merrimack.

Capt. Cooper went to sea when he was eighteen years of age, and was in command of the steamer Lady of the Lake when it was burned at its wharf in this city.

He leaves a wife and two children, who are living in Baltimore at the present time. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the family residence, and burial will be in Mount Olivet.

Dies in Toronto, Canada.

Word has reached Washington of the death of George F. Kinner, an old newspaper advertising man of this city, and well known in the advertising circles at Toronto, Canada, in a room which he had rented in a small hotel in that city. He was born in England, his parents being very well known there. He was forty-two years of age, and left this city about seven years ago. No word had been received in regard to the funeral arrangements, but it is stated by some of his friends living in the city that the body will probably be brought to the American side and buried.

Tucker Funeral To-day.

The funeral of William W. Tucker will take place this afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Annie L. Steele, 1320 K street, and interment will be in the Congressional Cemetery.

Send Regrets on Fairchild's Death.

Gordon Paddock, the American vice consul general at Seoul, Korea, has telegraphed to the State Department condolences in behalf of the entire consular body at Seoul on the death of Nelson Fairchild, the American consul at Mukden, who died at his post a few days ago.

Cardinal Enters Friendly Suit.

James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, Md., through Attorney Charles W. Boyle, yesterday entered a friendly suit against Rev. Frank A. B. Wuenneberg and other members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, asking the court for authority to encumber certain property upon which the new parish school of St. Mary's is to be erected by a mortgage to secure a loan of \$20,000.

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WORLD'S SPORTS DEPICTED.

Karmata Travelogue Unfolds Scenes from the World's Pastimes.

The Karmata travelogue at the Columbia yesterday afternoon carried an enthusiastic audience through a programme giving glimpses of typical sports of the world.

The Olympic games were presented with considerable detail. There was a greater burst of excitement amid the multitude in the motion pictures than in the audience when the royal coaches emptied their rare loads of kings, queens, and princes at the entrance to the stadium. However, when the Cambridge-Harvard boat race was thrown on the screen, the auditors forgot the geography of the situation and watched with audible comment the mingling of the crowds, and cheered the thrilling scenes of the race as though the Potomac, instead of the Thames, were furnishing the excitement.

Besides an exciting line of collegiate sports and the ever-interesting "telescope" snow near Paris," the lecturer initiated his audience into the mysteries of a typical Chinese wrestling match between two pugilistic Oriental athletes, an Indian pony race, a Spanish bull fight, and an English horse hunt, which were depicted by a series of clear views, after which scenes from a carnival in Venice took the sharp edges off these wild sports and cast over the performance a spell of the artistic.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Army Orders.
Second Lieut. HOWARD G. SHARPE, from Twentieth to Thirtieth Infantry (Company E).
Contract Surgeon T. OLIVER HUTSON, from Fort McPherson to Fort Worth.

Naval Orders.
Capt. J. HUBBARD, detached Navy Department, to duty as special inspector, Manila, Newport News.
Lieut. N. MANSFIELD, to Army General Hospital, Manila.
Cable from Rear Admiral W. R. Brownson, commander-in-chief Asiatic Fleet, Manila, December 20.
Lieut. Commander H. A. BISHAM, detached, Maryland, to Pennsylvania.
Ensign A. B. REED, detached Panama, to Baltimore.

Surgeon G. H. BARBER, detached Naval Station, Olongapo, to Baltimore.
Surgeon C. P. KINDELBERGER, detached Baltimore, to Naval Station, Olongapo.
Midshipman S. H. LAWTON, Jr., detached Panama, to Colorado.
Lieut. R. L. BERRY, detached Raleigh, to Colorado.
Lieut. G. C. SWEET, detached Raleigh, to Raleigh.
Midshipman B. L. CANAGA and H. DELANO, detached Baltimore, to Panama.
Ensign C. S. VANDERBEEK, detached Baltimore, to Naval Station, Cavite.
Ensign A. K. SHOOT and Midshipman E. A. WHITE, detached Raleigh, to Maryland.
Lieut. H. P. PERRILL, detached Colorado, to Maryland.
Lieut. A. T. GRAHAM, detached Mobile, to home.
Surgeon B. SPEAR, detached Naval Hospital, Canada, to Naval Hospital, Vancouver, thence to New Island.
Lieut. Commander F. B. BASSETT, detached Naval Station, Cavite, to duty as superintendent Naval School, Manila.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Bureau of Navigation:
Arrived—Whitman at Hongkong; Marietta at Manila; the Holmes at Santiago, December 20.
Sailed—Rocket from Norfolk for Indian Head, December 20.
Don Juan de Austria from Monte Cristi for San Juan; Iowa from Hampton Roads for New York; the Moines from Guantanamo for Santiago, December 20.

Mail and telegraphic address of second torpedo flotilla while in Tampa Bay is St. Petersburg, Fla.

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